

UNITED STATES EMBASSY BUCHAREST

DEMOCRACY GRANTS

LIST OF FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS

Projects completed:

Center for Independent Journalism (Centrul pentru Jurnalism Independent)

The project *“Good Governance as a Human Right”* trains local journalists for professional reporting of governmental institutions’ activity so that the media can better perform its watch-dog function; for more accountable, transparent and responsible governance; to teach professional skills and knowledge about legislation.

Association “Support for Social Integration” (Asociatia “Sprijinirea Integrării Sociale” ASIS)

The purpose of the project *“I’m a Citizen – I Know My Rights!”* is to expand the previous pilot project that trained promoters of children’s rights in 3 sectors of Bucharest to include the remaining 3 sectors and localities in Ilfov county; to promote children’s rights among disadvantaged teenagers and to initiate cooperation between children and adults to prevent rights violations.

Projects in-process:

Association for the Implementation of Democracy (Asociatia pentru Implementarea Democratiei AID)

The project *“Promoting Integrity in the Romanian Health Sector—Setting Up the Integrity Directorate Within the Ministry of Public Health”* has the purpose to help reduce corruption in the Romanian health system by setting up in Integrity Directorate within the Ministry of Health, Integrity Audit units for public procurement in hospitals and an anti-corruption phone line for citizen use.

The Academic Society in Romania (Societatea Academica din Romania SAR)

The purpose of the project *“The Initiative for a Clean Justice – Building a Fair and Reliable Judiciary”* is to help the reform of the judiciary by improving the understanding and knowledge of judges and prosecutors about the fight against corruption and economic crime, by improving communication skills and outreach capacity of the judiciary with emphasis on high level corruption cases, and by increasing the transparency of the election process for the Superior Council of Magistracy.

The Institute for Public Policies (Institutul pentru Politici Publice)

The Romanian economic challenges – an opportunity for increasing transparency and accountability in spending public resources through the public procurement process will support transparent, predictable, stable public procurement in Romania to directly increase fair competition and accountability of local public contracting authorities through research, promoting best practices of municipalities, and sharing US experience in public procurement.

Techsoup Romania Association (Asociatia Techsoup Romania)

The Social Justice Challenge - The Challenge method, developed by TSG over its 20 years supporting civil society’s IT needs and built on TSRO’s extensive relationship with over 500 verified Romanian NGOs and thousands of Romanian programmers, will solicit and refine projects that can advance the field of social justice in areas encouraging civic engagement in

advocacy, civil rights, participatory democracy, transparency, rule of law or combating corruption.